

## **CONTAINER HAVING A ROTATABLE RING**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A generally cylindrical container comprised of three parts including a top shell, a  
5 bottom shell, and a rotatable ring. The top and bottom shells are affixed to each other and  
hold the ring captive in a race formed by the outer sidewalls and annular retaining edges of  
the top and bottom shell. A discharge opening in the ring can be aligned with one or more  
openings in the sidewalls to allow passage of objects in or out of the container. The ring  
opening can similarly be aligned away from the sidewall opening(s) to prevent the passage  
10 of objects. The container disclosed herein represents a significant advance over known  
hand-operated containers because, among other things, it is simpler to manufacture,  
provides more reliable operation, and offers reduced friction against stored objects.